Calendar Year 2003 CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT



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This reporting period marks the end of the first year since the implementation of the "SafeStat" program. Although this process has been a learning experience for all of the personnel within Central Command, we have gained valuable insight and information that has greatly enhanced the effectiveness and efficiency of the Command.

Total crashes decreased in the Command for calendar year 2003, with personnel investigating 91 fewer crashes than in calendar year 2002 for a 6.8% reduction. When compared to calendar year 2002 property crashes declined by 8.6% or 77 less property crashes, injury crashes declined by 1.5% or 6 less injury crashes, and fatal crashes declined by 17.8% or 8 less fatal crashes. Despite the severe winter storms the Command experienced in October through December, with the increases in crashes noted the second half of calendar year 2003 we were still able to show a crash reduction when compared to calendar year 2002. This decline can be attributed to two factors. The first was the mild winter last year and the efforts put forth by its personnel working our accident reduction and directed enforcement programs.

Total enforcement activity showed an increase when compared to calendar year 2002 of 13.4% or 4,268 cited violations. The most notable increases occurred in the area of occupant restraint violations, 23.3% or 539 more cited violations and speed violations, 11.7% or 2292 more cited violations. The most significant increases occurred in the Commercial Operations Section. These areas include increases of 108.8% in safety inspections or 3,626 more inspections, 34.6% in safety violations or 3,930 more violations, 50.6% in drivers placed "Out of Service" violations or 137 more violations, 434.7% in dyed fuel inspections or 5,142 more checks, and 37.5% in dyed fuel citations or 3 more citations.

Through efforts made by this Command's personnel that include Traffic Operations, Commercial Operations, Communications Center, and Administrative Services Section, this Command was successful in improving highway safety and service to the public. I commend every member of this Command for a job well done.

January 9, 2004

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	Calendar Year 2003	Calendar Year 2002	% Change	
Total Crashes	1244	1335	-6.8%	
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	822	899	-8.6%	
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	385	391	-1.5%	
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	37	45	-17.8%	
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	52	42	23.8%	
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	46	44	4.5%	
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	12	18	-33.3%	
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	12	8	50.0%	
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	11	11	0.0%	
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	9	4	125.0%	
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2	3	-33.3%	
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	209	117	78.6%	
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	144	81	77.8%	
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	56	33	69.7%	
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	9	3	200.0%	

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes	3.0%
Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes	4.2%
Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total persons killed	54.5%
Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes	16.8%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

During calendar year 2003, the Central Command investigated 91 fewer crashes than in 2002 for a 6.8% reduction. Property crashes declined by 8.6%, injury crashes declined 1.5% and fatal crashes declined 17.8%. Despite the decline in the number of fatal crashes, the number of persons killed increased by 2. Of the 46 persons killed during 2003, 24 or 54.5% were not wearing safety belts at the time of the crash.

Over the course of 2003, there were 52 alcohol related crashes or 4.2% of total crashes. The 52 crashes is an increase of 23.8% over the number of alcohol related crashes during 2002. The average BAC was .16 for the tests conducted with results that have returned.

Commercial vehicle involved crashes reflected a significant increase of 78.6% over calendar year 2002. However, this does not reflect a true accounting of commercial vehicle crashes in 2002 as the reporting criteria within the Command changed in January 2003. During 2002, the only commercial vehicle involved crashes were those that met the criteria for completion of the form 5A. Now all commercial vehicle involved crashes are counted. For the 2003 reporting period, commercial vehicle involved crashes comprised 16.8% or 209 crashes of the Command's total crashes for the year. Of the total commercial involved crashes, one-half occurred on the interstate with one-half occurring on secondary highways.

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FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

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	Calendar Year 2003	Calendar Year 2002	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	50	41	22.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	225	238	-5.5%
Other Arrests	1245	1222	1.9%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	678	585	15.9%
Speed violations	21811	19519	11.7%
Hazardous moving violations	2721	2781	-2.2%
Occupant restraint violations *	2856	2317	23.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	36112	31844	13.4%
Commercial Enforcement			
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	403	472	-14.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	166	253	-34.4%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3. 4. & 6]	6960	3334	108.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	88	266	-66.9%
Total safety violations citation	2017	2207	-8.6%
Total safety violations repair order	15298	11368	34.6%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	635	534	18.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	408	271	50.6%
Total school buses inspected	336	316	6.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	75	0	7500.0%
Total trucks weighed	3415	2639	29.4%
Total overweight citations	86	151	-43.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	6325	1183	434.7%
Total dyed fuel citations	11	8	37.5%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

During calendar year 2003, the Central Command recorded 36,112 total cited violations. This is a 13.4% increase or 4268 additional violations when compared to calendar year 2002. Speed violations rose by 11.7%. Hazardous moving violations declined by 2.2% or 60. Some of this decline can be attributed to a change in July of tracking speed violations in zones below 55 mph. Prior to July, these violations were placed in the "Hazardous" category. Now they are being placed in the "Speed" category. Occupant restraint violations increased substantially by 23.3% as greater emphasis was directed in this area in an effort to reduce vehicle crash injuries and fatalities.

DUI arrests prior to crashes decreased by 13 arrests from calendar year 2002. The average BAC for arrests prior to crashes was .165.

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STAFFING AND WORK HOURS

		Authorized	d positions	Current positions staffed		Percentage of authorized	
STAFFI	NG	Calendar Year 2003	Calendar Year 2002	Calendar Year 2003 Calendar Year 2002		Calendar Year 2003	Calendar Year 2002
Traffic	[Tpr. & Sgt.]	66.5	69.5	50.9	55.6	76.5%	80.0%
Commercial	[Tpr. & Sgt.]	16	16	14.2	13.9	88.8%	86.9%
Commercial	CVSI	2	2	2	2	100.0%	100.0%

WORK HOURS LOST	Calendar Year 2003	Calendar Year 2002	% Change
Annual leave	7567.25	7665.15	-1.3%
Compensatory leave	3691.80	4256.15	-13.3%
Sick Leave [personal and family]	6881.15	6888.7	-0.1%
Military leave	584.00	2860	-79.6%
Holiday off	1253.60	1384	-9.4%
Training	10631.68	11753.03	-9.5%
Administrative leave	2898.00	89	3156.2%
Leave without pay	0	0	0.0%
Vacancy [173 hours per position*]	37022.00	32472.1	14.0%
Total work hours lost	70529.48	67332.73	4.7%

OVERTIME	Calendar Year 2003	Calendar Year 2002	% Change
Paid overtime claimed	15979.16	16402.89	-2.6%
Compensatory overtime claimed	2204.81	2272.44	-3.0%
Total overtime hours	18183.97	18675.33	-2.6%

TOTAL HOURS WORKED	Calendar Year 2003	Calendar Year 2002	% Change
Number of authorized positions x 173 hours*	175422.00	181650	-3.4%
Work hours lost	70529.48	67332.73	4.7%
Overtime	18183.97	18675.33	-2.6%
Total hours worked	123076.49	117054.53	5.1%

^{*} 173 hours based upon 2080 work hours per year divided by 12 months

Contract Service overtime was 1625.75 hours on 43 escorts for \$94,694. In 2002, overtime was 2471 hours (a 34% decline) on 52 escorts (a 17.3% decline) for \$126,334.

STAFFING AND WORK HOURS Cont'd

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

During calendar year 2003, the Central Command averaged 84.5 authorized positions throughout the year. Of these positions, an average of 67.1 were staffed. During the year the Command maintained a vacancy rate of 20.6%.

During 2003, total work hours increased slightly by 5.1% or 6022 hours when compared to 2002. Total work hours lost increased in 2003 by 4.7% or 3197 hours. Overtime declined by 2.6% or 491 hours.

The most notable increase in work hours lost was the amount of administrative leave. This was due to having 2 officers on extended administrative leave.

RATIOS - ACCIDENT AND ENFORCEMENT

ACCIDENT RATIOS	Year 2003	Year 2002
Ratio of crashes per Traffic position		
Total	24.4	24.0
Property	16.1	16.2
Injury	7.6	7.0
Fatal	0.7	0.8
DUI	1.0	0.8
Commercial vehicle	4.1	0.8
Ratio of deaths per fatal crash	1.2	1.0
without seatbelts	0.6	0.6
with seatbelts	0.5	0.3

FIELD ENFORCEMENT

Ratio of enforcement per Traffic position		
DUI arrests from crashes	1.0	0.7
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	4.4	4.3
Other Arrests	24.5	22.0
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	13.3	10.5
Speed violations	428.5	351.1
Hazardous moving violations	53.5	50.0
Occupant restraint violations	56.1	41.7
Total violations	709.5	572.7

RATIOS - ACCIDENT AND ENFORCEMENT Cont'd

INSPECTION / ENFORCEMENT RATIOS

Calendar Calendar Year 2003 Year 2003

Ratio of inspections and enforcement per Commercial position

28.4	34.0
11.7	18.2
429.6	209.7
5.4	16.7
142.0	158.8
0.3	.7
944.3	715.0
2.2	3.4
39.2	33.6
0.1	0.2
25.2	17.0
0.1	0.1
20.7	19.8
4.6	0.0
240.5	189.9
6.1	10.9
445.4	85.1
0.8	0.6
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^{*} Commercial sworn only

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

During 2003, there was a slight increase in the number of crashes investigated per positions. This is despite a decrease in the total number of crashes in 2003 as compared to 2002. The increased is due to having fewer staffed positions in 2003 as compared to 2002.

Total enforcement activity ratios increased for the year with each person averaging 136.8 more cited violations than in 2002.

Commercial personnel performed 219.9 more inspections in 2003 than they averaged in 2002. This in turn resulted in an increase in the number of safety violations discovered and more drivers and vehicles being placed out of service.

School bus inspections increased with the addition of areas when Central Command was established.

Trucks weighed increased by 50.5 per person when compared to 2002. Dyed fuel inspections increased drastically with 360 more vehicles checked per person than in 2002. This is due to the implementation of new programs in 2003 targeting dyed fuel enforcement.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The required training for 2003 was completed.

A total of 2347 warrants were entered into NCJIS, an 18.5% increase from the 1896 entered in 2002. There were 2139 warrants cleared, a 72.1% increase from the 1241 in 2002. There were 20377 warrants validated during 2003, a 9.2% increase as compared to 2002 when 18652 were validated.

The evidence vaults processed 2376 new items, a 104% increase from 2002 when 1164 items were received. The vaults disposed of 2205 items, a 245% increase from the 639 disposed of in 2002.

Data entry of the new citations began in the latter part of 2003. With citations being entered into the new data base, problems have arisen. Most of these have been resolved, but the speed of the system continues to be an issue. This has caused delays in entering citations into the system. All old citations were entered into the data base. During 2003 25,712 citations were entered. Front Office personnel processed 1167 accident reports and 650 arrest reports. During 2002, 17,576 citations were entered, 961 accident reports processed and 510 arrest reports processed. Much of the increase is attributed to the formation of the Central Command that added sworn positions.

COMMUNICATION CENTER

Staffing

During 2003, the Center was not able to obtain full staffing levels. This was due to promotions, retirements, voluntary demotions and the death of one dispatcher. New dispatchers were hired and the process of interviews and background investigations continue. At the close of this period there are still two vacancies.

Overtime

Overtime for the year was 1,852 hours. Overtime for the entire calendar year of 2002 was not kept for Center operations.

Radio Transmissions

During February through December there were 910,257 radio transmissions. This information was not tracked for January and prior.

CAD Incidents

During the calendar year, there were 61,103 incidents, an 88% increase over the 32,510 incidents in 2002.

PERSONNEL

PSD III Wanda Heathman, a 34+ year Communications Center employee passed away in January after an illness.

The following persons retired from the Division during 2003:

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Sergeant Doug Darlington	24 years
Trooper Larry Reynolds	27 years
Trooper Cliff Smith	27 years
Judy Lujan, AA II	10 years
Jean Moots PSD III	19 years

Promotions

Trooper Bryan Jorgenson was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to the Tonopah District.

Trooper Charles Powell was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to the Winnemucca District.

Trooper Robert Oakden was promoted to Sergeant and remained in the Alamo / Pioche District.

PSD III Henri Culver was promoted to PSD IV and remained in the Communications Center.

Sergeant Mike Cowley was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to Ely to command the Central Command South area.

The following quarterly employee awards were issued:

January-March 2003 Presented in April

Dispatcher of the Quarter PSD Kathleen Smith

April – June 2003 Presented in September

Supervisor of the Quarter
Employee of the Quarter
Dispatcher of the Quarter
Dispatcher of the Quarter
Sgt. Steve Boyer
Tpr. John Jessee
PSD Tellina Marlar

July – September 2003 Presented in October

Supervisor of the Quarter Sgt. Steve Boyer

Employee of the Quarter Eddie Turner, Radio Technician

Dispatcher of the Quarter PSD Lisa Elliott

"Years of Service" certificates presented

PSD V Elizabeth Bogue 30 years of service Captain Tom Johnson 25 years of service Bud Dalbec, Mechanic 20 years of service **Trooper Dave Black** 20 years of service Sergeant Stephen Boyer 15 years of service Tpr. Susan Rivas 15 years of service Tpr. Dan Hammill 15 years of service **AAIII Janet Grigg** 15 years of service Trooper Garth Gardner 15 years of service PSD IV Henri Culver 10 years of service PSD IV Kathy Corbett 10 years of service AA II Judy Lujan 10 years of service Trooper Fred Wurster 10 years of service Trooper Stauffacher 5 years of service **AAII Patty Montgomery** 5 years of service Mike Jamison, CVSI 5 years of service

The following certificates and awards were presented:

Certificates of Appreciation to all Communications Center personnel in honor of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

Certificates of Appreciation to all civilian Administrative personnel in honor of Administrative Professionals Day.

Trooper Guy Davis was presented with the "James D. Hoff Memorial Survivor Award" and the Las Vegas Rotary Club Award. These awards were as a result of the shooting he was involved in.

Tpr. Fred Wurster was presented a plaque for his involvement in the recovery of a kidnapped juvenile female from California.

Trooper Marc Chambers received a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the Reno FBI Office for his involvement in the capture of a bank robbery suspect in Hawthorne.

Life Saver Awards to Tpr. Salopek, Tpr. Peoples and Tpr. Naylor

Tpr. John Jessee a Certificate of Appreciation for numerous commendations.

Tpr. Mike Grigg a Certificate of Appreciation for performing as an Acting Sergeant.

Tpr. R. Jackson and Tpr. J. Peoples for participation in the PSTO Program.

Certificates of graduation from Academy 49 were presented to Tpr. Charles Bluth and Tpr. Keith Hoehne

New Hires

Communications Center: Elaine King and Shirley Sullivan

Troopers: Jacob Harp, Ely District and Cody Eason, Battle Mountain District

PUBLIC INFORMATION

January

Tpr. Gonzalez participated in the review of a lesson plan for a 12 hour training session for Child Passenger Safety Seats.

Tpr. Gonzalez participated in a Child Safety Seat checkpoint in Elko. Of the 20 seats inspected, there was a 100% failure rate.

Tpr. Gonzalez also taught initial certification and recertification training on RADAR to Division and allied agency personnel.

For the fatal crash in Winnemucca, 25 news releases and numerous media calls were handled.

February

Trooper Gonzalez traveled to Carson City for a legislative hearing regarding AB116 Child Booster Seat Law changes. The bill passed the Assembly and is now in the Senate.

Trooper Gonzalez participated in the Elko High School Driver Safety Program, with approximately 150 students in attendance.

Trooper Gonzalez also participated in the following events.

• February 9-10 National Child Passenger Safety Week

• February 12 Wal-Mart, Elko – Child Passenger Safety Booth

• February 14 K-Mark, Elko – Child Passenger Safety Booth

• February 19 Great Basin College, Early Childhood Development Booster Seat Class

• February 26 Elko Convention Center, US Forest Service, Defensive Driving Class

Completed news releases and fielded media calls regarding the fatal crash on February 28th which occurred 30 miles north of Tonopah on US 6.

March

PIEO Trooper Gonzalez performed the following during March:

Elko Junior High School driver safety and occupant protection program

Sage Elementary School occupant protection program.

KT Bus Services driver safety and road rage programs

Driver safety program for Elko EMS

Child safety seat clinic and checkpoints in Battle Mountain

Child safety seat inspector training -- instructor for other agency personnel

Instruct RADAR recertification

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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April

Tpr. Gonzalez taught 5 driver safety programs primarily on road rage to employees of Cortez Gold. Over 200 employees attended.

Tpr. Gonzalez attended the Career Fair at Great Basin Community College.

A child safety seat checkpoint was held in Elko. Of the 17 seats inspected, none passed the inspection. Additionally, 3 child seats were given away.

Tpr. Gonzalez, Lt. McIntosh, Tpr. Grigg and Tpr. Perkins attended the Joining Forces conference in Reno.

May

Public Information and Education Officer, Trooper Gonzalez attended the Joining Forces conference in Reno. Driver safety programs were taught to Newmont Exploration, Elko Convention Center employees, and Elko Junior High School.

Child Passenger Safety training was conducted in Winnemucca. In conjunction with this training a child seat inspection checkpoint was established with 21 seats inspected. Additional child seat checkpoints were set up in Elko on two separate occasions with 41 seats inspected.

Tpr. Gonzalez attended the Hawthorne Air Show. He also attended the EMS Week in Wendover in which he displayed the Convincer crash simulator.

Tpr. Gonzalez participated in the "Every 15 Minutes" DUI program at the Wells High School.

Tpr. Gonzalez spearheaded the public media promotion for the "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

June

Several driver safety programs were presented to different mine and federal agency personnel. Over 100 individuals attended this training.

A DUI program was presented to Battle Mountain High School for 150 students.

A child seat information booth was manned in conjunction with the Liberty Mutual Insurance grand opening in Elko.

A child safety seat checkpoint was held at Wal-Mart in Elko. A total of 34 seats were inspected.

July

During this month, Public Information Officer Rocky Gonzalez instructed a driving class for civilian State employees in which 24 attended.

A tree was planted at Great Basin Community College in memory of Vinten Hartung, ex-Trooper, whose father was a long time NHP employee. Vinten passed away after a long term illness.

Trooper Gonzalez instructed a drug and alcohol class for Juvenile Probation in Elko.

A Child Protective Seat Technician class was instructed in Winnemu cca with 11 students attending. A child seat check point was held in conjunction with this training.

A child seat checkpoint was also held in Elko.

Trooper Gonzalez also instructed two EVOC training classes.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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August

Two child safety seat checkpoints were held in Elko during August, one at Wal-Mart and the other at the Elko Family Resource Center.

AMBER Alert conference was held at the Elko Convention Center for all participating agencies within Northeastern Nevada.

Tpr. Gonzalez attended the National Information Officers Association conference in Tennessee.

A meeting was held for discussion of the upcoming Special Olympics torch run.

Tpr. Gonzalez instructed EVOC training.

September

Two local events in the Central Command were attended by the Public Information Officer, Tpr. Gonzalez. They were the Morrodders car show and the Winnemucca air show.

Tpr. Gonzalez instructed EVOC to both Command members and Academy trainees.

Safety training was provided for Elko Juvenile Probation and NDOT and a DUI program for Eureka High School.

A child safety seat checkpoint was held at the Wal-Mart in Elko with 19 seats inspected.

October

Child safety seat inspections were held at Wal-Mart and at the Elko Family Resource Center. A total of 25 seats were inspected.

Driver safety programs were provided to Newmont Gold employees.

An educational program on the new .08% BAC was completed in Ely. Volunteers tracked the amount of alcoholic beverages consumed. They participated in field sobriety tests and breath tests to determine their level of intoxication as it relates to .08. The participants were impressed with the education they received. They have a better understanding of when they are impaired.

Tpr. Gonzalez participated in "Trick or Treat Street" in Elko.

November

Several driver safety courses were taught throughout the Command. This included the Elko Soroptomists, Newmont Gold, Juvenile Probation and MSHA.

Child safety seat checkpoints were conducted in Wendover and Head Start in Elko on two days. Over 50 seats were inspected.

Division personnel attended career fairs in Ely and Elko.

Personnel participated with allied agencies in the Project Child Safe gunlock giveaway throughout the Command.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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December

The mobile breath testing vehicle was utilized for a public relations and educational program for the new .08 BAC. The program was done at the Dos Amigos restaurant in Elko. Persons volunteered to track the number of drinks consumed and submitted to field sobriety and breath tests. A total of 30 persons participated.

A DUI presentation was made at Cactus Pete's hotel/casino in Jackpot for US Navy recruits. Approximately 60 persons attended.

December 8th thru 13th the Shop with a Cop program was accomplished. This included fundraisers and the actual event. 103 children were escorted with 103 police officers at the Elko K-Mart. Each child was given \$150 to spend.

PROJECTS / ACTION PLANS

ADAPT Vehicle

The ADAPT Vehicle was utilized for 328.4 hours in calendar year 2003 to provide additional coverage and enforcement. The vehicle was utilized primarily in Elko, Wells and Winnemucca. During its use, 313 citations were issued, 180 of which were for hazardous moving violations. Also 2 DUI and 7 other arrests were made. The vehicle had mechanical problems the end of the year.

RADAR Trailer

The RADAR Trailer was deployed for 534.2 hours. It was deployed throughout the Command. It was deployed in construction zone areas and other areas with reduced speed limits.

SHRED Program

The SHRED (Stationary Handheld Radar Enforcement Detail) program was developed and began in July. This enforcement program is primarily designed for construction zones. The program was worked for 5 1/4 hours in 4 different areas. A total of 31 violations with 19 warnings were given.

Tactical Manual

The tactical Manual is being printed for final review and approval before copies will be published and distributed to field operations personnel.

Command Risk Management Team

The procedure and policy has been completed. Equipment is in the process of being obtained The Team is ready for deployment if necessary.

AMBER Alert

Training was provided to supervisors within the Central Command by Capt. Davenport and PSD V Turner. A procedure has been galvanized with the local broadcasters and NDOT contacted with the ir participation in the program. The procedure was ready for implementation by June 1st.

Command SOP Manual

The revision of the Central Command SOP manual has been completed in draft form. The final review was completed with recommended changes being made. These are in for final typing and compiling of the manuals for supervisors.

Budget FY06/07

Work continues and equipment requests are being finalized for the next biennium. Statewide meetings have occurred to complete the equipment requests for the Division.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS continued

Commercial personnel performed 3626 more inspections than in calendar year 2002 for a 108% increase. This was for all levels of inspections except level 5 (terminal) inspections. The terminal inspection program was eliminated and utilized only in conjunction with compliance reviews. The number of violations discovered during the inspections increased by 34.6%. With the additional inspections and violations, the number of drivers and vehicles placed out of service increased. The number of drivers placed out of service increased by more than 50%. This is due to a greater emphasis to conduct level 2 and 3 inspections focusing on the driver and their condition rather than the mechanical condition of the vehicle. This is being accomplished due to crashes involving commercial vehicles when the commercial vehicle is at fault, it is more apt to be driver caused than vehicle caused.

The number of trucks weighed increased by 29.4% or 776 more vehicles weighed. Dyed fuel inspections increased drastically by 434% or 5142 checks. The increase is due to the implementation of the requirement to check for dyed fuel during the inspection of vehicles that operate with diesel fuel and the program of dyed fuel enforcement on secondary highways. Commercial personnel are scheduled throughout the month to specifically target secondary highways and inspect vehicles for the use of dyed fuel. Despite the huge increase in the number of inspections, there have only been 3 more citations issued for dyed fuel violations. In 2002, 0.7% of the vehicles checked were in violation. During 2003, 0.2% of the vehicles checked were in violation.

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